

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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generally conventionally available in 16 or 20 ounce bottles, and carbonated beverages are also conventionally available in the same bottles or in 12 ounce cans. However, as purchased from retailers, such drinking vessels are unable to include an integrated drinking spout such as a straw and, as such, the fluid contained therein must either be consumed either by drinking directly from the nozzle of the vessel, placing of a separate straw within the beverage container, or by pouring the beverage out into a separate cup.

Numerous attempts have been made to correct for the foregoing. By way of example, the conventional method for attaching a straw to a beverage container has been by connecting a pivoting straw into the lid or cap of the container.

~~Of considerable relevance is U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued in \_\_\_\_\_ to the inventor. While the use of a straw integrated into the lid of the container are incorporated into this invention in combination, other elements are different enough as to make the combination distinguished over the inventors' own prior art.~~

Consequently, a need has been felt for providing an apparatus and method which allows a user to access an attached straw to a drinking vessel with one hand.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**